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GERMANY MAKES OVERTURES FOR PEACE

Proposals Made in Identical Notes to the United States, Spain and Switzerland

NOTES HAVE ALSO BEEN TRANSMITTED TO POPE

The Neutral Countries Named Have Been Asked to Make Known the Contents to the Nations at War With the Teutonic Allies—No Conditions for Peace Were Mentioned in the Notes—Proposition to be Made by Germany Would Have for Its Object a Lasting Peace—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's Address in the Reichstag Was Well Received—Interested Throngs Surrounded the Reichstag Building During the Session.

The Teutonic allies declare themselves ready to discuss peace. Also they are ready to continue the war if the entente allies do not find the time propitious for such a discussion.

The readiness of the central powers has been made known in identical notes to United States, Spain and Switzerland, who are asked to make known contents of the notes to the nations at war with the Teutonic allies. Notes also have been transmitted to the Vatican and the active interest of the Pope in the peace offer solicited.

While no conditions for peace were mentioned in the notes, it was asserted that the propositions to be made by Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria would have for their object a guarantee of the existence, of the honor and the liberty of evolution for these nations and would prove "an appropriate basis for the establishment of a lasting peace."

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in communicating the Reichstag's fact of the despatch of the notes said the step was taken on the ground of humanity. The Teutonic allies, he said, could not be conquered and war awaited the answer of the entente allies, "with that seriousness of mind which is guaranteed to us by our exterior and interior strength and by our clear conscience."

The identical notes said in respect to a refusal of the entente to agree to discuss peace and reconciliation that the four Teutonic allied powers are resolved "to continue to a victorious end, but they disclaim responsibility for this before humanity and history."

Emperor William has addressed a message to the army and navy, in which with consciousness of victory he had made offer of peace but whether it would be accepted was uncertain.

"Until that moment arrives you will fight on," the message concluded.

Note Presented to Papal Secretary.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The note presented by Dr. von Murrberg to the papal secretary of state, follows:

"According to instructions received I have the honor to send to Your Eminence a copy of the declaration which the Imperial Government, by the good offices of the powers at war, transmits to these states and in which the Imperial Government declares its readiness to enter into peace negotiations. The Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments also have sent similar notes."

Reasons Which Prompt Germany.

"The reasons which prompt Germany and her allies to take this step are manifold. For two years and a half a terrible war has been devastating the European continent. Unlimited treasures of civilization have been destroyed. Extensive areas have been soaked with blood. Millions of brave soldiers have fallen in battle and millions have returned home as invalids. Grievous and sorrow fall almost everywhere."

Europe One Vast War Camp.

"Not only upon the belligerent nations but also upon neutrals the destructive consequences of the gigantic struggle weigh heavily. Trade and commerce, carefully built up in years of peace, have been depressed. The best forces of the nations have been withdrawn from the production of useful objects. Europe, which formerly devoted to the propagation of religion and civilization, which was trying to find solutions for social problems and was the home of science and art and all peaceful human endeavor, is now a vast war camp, in which the innumerable and works of many decades are destroyed and annihilated."

Germany Claims War of Defense.

"Germany is carrying on a war of defense against her enemies, which aim at her destruction. She fights to assure the integrity of her frontiers and the liberty of the German nation, for the right which she claims to develop freely her intellectual and economic energies in peaceful competition and on an equal footing with the other nations."

Iron Wall Impenetrable.

"All the efforts which the enemies are unable to shatter the heroic armies of the (Teutonic) allies, which protect the frontiers of their countries, strengthen which is inviolable by love for its country and is ready for the greatest sacrifices and determined to defend to the last inch of its territory."

Supported by Whole Nation.

"Those fighting on the front know that they are supported by the whole nation, which is ready to sacrifice its country and is ready for the greatest sacrifices and determined to defend to the last inch of its territory."

Cabled Proposals

Col. O. J. Krag Dead.

Paris, Dec. 12, 4:55 p. m.—Colonel Ole Herman Johannes Krag, former chief of ordnance in the Norwegian army and inventor of the Krag-Jorgensen rifle, died here today. He was 79 years old.

LONDON COMMENT ON PEACE PROPOSAL

Evening News Declares the Offer is Almost Blasphemous.

London, Dec. 12.—The late editions of the evening newspapers comment sarcastically on the German peace offer. The Evening News says that Germany is about to make a "maximum of plunder" and as "the avenger in the shape of Lloyd George is about to inflict punishment." Germany now desires to make peace. "The chancellor's declaration is almost blasphemous," the News continues.

\$500,000 GIFT TO NATIONAL Y. W. C. A.

By John D. Rockefeller—Completes the Dodge Memorial Fund.

New York, Dec. 12.—John D. Rockefeller has just made a \$500,000 gift to the National Young Women's Christian Association, it was announced here tonight at the meeting of the organization. The donation will complete the Dodge Memorial Fund of \$1,000,000, which after the death of Miss Dodge, its founder, it set out to raise. A legacy of \$500,000 was left to the association by Miss Dodge.

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS GUESTS OF W. R. WILLCOX

At "Luncheon Conference"—Political Conditions Talked Over.

New York, Dec. 12.—Several prominent progressive-republicans were the guests today at a "luncheon conference" called by William R. Willcox, chairman of the republican national committee. Political conditions and the prospects of the party were discussed over "freely and frankly." Mr. Willcox stated, "with respect to intended day the manufacturers proposed to meet a committee of the National Publishers' association to work out, for the commission's approval a plan for an equitable distribution of the stocks of print paper."

The manufacturers' proposal came as an unexpected development when the committee, after finishing with publishers as witnesses, called on the manufacturers to present their case. The committee, after finishing with publishers as witnesses, called on the manufacturers to present their case. The committee, after finishing with publishers as witnesses, called on the manufacturers to present their case.

HOW PEACE PROPOSAL IS REGARDED IN WASHINGTON

President Wilson Deeply Interested But Reserving Comment.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposal for peace is regarded here as having broken the chains which for so long have restrained the United States as well as other neutrals from making offers of mediation.

Now that one set of belligerents has signed its willingness to discuss peace terms—a condition often reiterated as necessary to any action by President Wilson—however, peace negotiations that when the United States, acting as the intermediary, transmits the German proposal it may accompany its action by overtures, necessary to date, to throw the influence of the United States into the balance for at least a consideration of the proposal.

REICHSTAG BUILDING SURROUNDED BY THROGS

People Were Intensely Interested in Chancellor's Address.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—After reading the note in the Reichstag, the chancellor's address was well received. The Reichstag building was surrounded by throngs of people who were intensely interested in the chancellor's address.

BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE MAINTAINING SILENCE.

Peace Move Has Not Created Any Impression on the Average Londoner.

London, Dec. 13, 12:30 a. m.—A strong current of public sentiment opposed to the German peace proposal was evident in the first expressions available last night both from public men and the British press, although these were without knowledge of any definite terms and without any word from authoritative sources indicating the attitude of the government.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT PRIVATE CROSSING

Need Canaan—Body Carried on Pilot of Engine For Considerable Distance.

Canaan, Conn., Dec. 12.—Liguori Chin, aged 30, was killed tonight when a westbound passenger train on the New York and New Haven railroad struck his body on a private crossing near here. Chin was carrying a considerable distance before the train could be brought to a stop. The body was badly injured and had to be shot.

COLD STORAGE EGGS SOLD AS FRESH EGGS

37 Produce Merchants Convicted in New York—200 Cases Pending.

New York, Dec. 2.—Thirty-seven produce merchants were convicted today of having sold cold storage eggs as fresh eggs. Individual fines ranged from \$10 to \$100. The district attorney announced that 200 other cases are pending and it is the intention to prosecute the offenders vigorously.

LIU GEN. PHILIP VON ELLINGRATH

Appointed Bavarian Minister of War.

Michael Radice, of New York, was charged with the larceny of \$1,000.

Elections in 17 Bay State Cities

NO CHANGE MADE IN THE LICENSE SITUATION

12 REMAIN DRY, 5 WET

In Chelsea, Chicopee and Lowell the Margins for License Were Greatly Reduced—Mayorality Elections.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Elections held in seventeen cities in this state today produced no changes in the license situation. Five of the cities—Chelsea, Chicopee, Lawrence, Lowell and Woburn—remain in the license column, although in Chelsea, Chicopee and Lowell the margins were considerably reduced. In most of the cities the no-license sentiment has prevailed for a number of years and in the absence of important voters for one reason or another there was a general lack of interest in the elections.

MAJORS REELECTED.

The mayors successful in seeking reelection were: Harold Sweete in Attleboro; Daniel J. Coakley in Chicopee; George H. Newhall in Lynn; Charles H. Adams in Melrose; Zebadiah E. Clark in Somerville; Dr. Charles Blodgett in Malden and Benjamin F. Haynes in Medford.

NEW MAYORS CHOSEN.

The new mayors chosen were: James McPherson in Beverly; Edward E. Willard in Chelsea; John J. Mullen in Everett; Walter W. Groves in Hingham; Newburyport; Alfred S. Hall in Revere; Wilford D. Gray in Woburn and John P. Perkins, F. W. Upham and Everett Colby.

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF STOCKS OF PRINT PAPER

Manufacturers to Meet Publishers' Committee For That Purpose.

Washington, Dec. 12.—At the conclusion of the federal trade commission hearing on print paper prices today, the manufacturers proposed to meet a committee of the National Publishers' association to work out, for the commission's approval a plan for an equitable distribution of the stocks of print paper.

FINED 20,000 MARKS

For Refusing to Furnish a List of Men Able to Work.

New York, Dec. 12.—In the face of a fine of 20,000 marks a day which the German military authorities have imposed on the Belgian city of Tournai for refusing to furnish a list of men able to work, the city authorities have refused to supply that list, according to a cable message from the Belgian government at Brussels.

BRITISH CRUISER YACHT SENDS DISTRESS SIGNALS

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Snow Retarding War Operations

INTERFERES WITH TEUTONIC DRIVE OF RUMANIANS

ACTION ON CHERNA RIVER

Rumania and the Cerna river region in Serbia continue the sectors where most of the fighting is taking place. In Walchia, snow has interfered to check, but only slightly the advance of the central powers against the Rumanians and Russians. The town of Mitila on the railway between Flocchi and Buzeu, has been captured, as also has the village of Urziceni, twenty miles to the south. Berlin announces that more than 100 additional Rumanians have been captured.

RUSSIANS ARE KEEPING UP VIOLENT ATTACKS ALONG MOLDAVIAN FRONT IN CARPATHIANS, BERLIN SAYS UNSUCCESSFULLY.

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LOUIS SMITH, UNDER MILITARY SENTENCE WAS PARDONED BY PRESIDENT WILSON TO ENABLE HIM TO TESTIFY IN THE BOPP TRIAL AT SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Locomotive Co. received orders for ten 143-ton engines for the Erie and two \$3-ton engines for the Maine Central.

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THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL, CARRYING APPROXIMATELY \$9,000,000, FIRST OF THE ANNUAL SUPPLY MEASURES, WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE WITHOUT A ROLL CALL.

Members of the Federal Farm Loan Board will be ready to announce shortly the locations of the 12 Federal land banks authorized by Congress.

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German delivered to Joseph C. Grew, Secretary of the American Embassy, his reply to the American inquiry relative to sinking of the steamer Lanac.

State officials of Wisconsin have sent out a proposal that every farmer in Wisconsin install wireless telegraph apparatus to receive weather reports.

TEN MEN, TWELVE WOMEN AND SEVEN CHILDREN, ALL CITIZENS OF FRANCE, AND BELGIAN TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY THE GERMANS, WERE KILLED BY ALLIED AIRPLANE FIRE DURING NOVEMBER.

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CONDENSED TELEGRAMS

President Wilson's plurality in Kentucky at the November election was 28,136.

Ninety thousand National Guardsmen will spend Christmas on the Mexican border.

Fire swept the Montezuma marshes on the Seneca river, 50 miles east of Rochester.

Imports at the port of New York for the week ended Dec. 1 amounted to \$19,050,804.

Fire destroyed three buildings in the business section of Lynbrook, L. I., at a loss of \$20,000.

President Wilson has chosen Robert M. Harlan as chairman of the inaugural committee.

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie has signed a contract to buy the property of Spencer H. Shottor of Savannah.

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PEACE PROFFER FLURRIES MARKETS

Wheat Pit in Chicago Semi-Demoralized as Result of Germany's Offer

PRICES FELL IN SOME CASES 11-14 CENTS

Had an Opposite Effect on Provisions, Which Showed Increased Prices—Bankers in Wall Street Were Surprised at the Scope of the First Peace Overture—There Was a General Reduction of Two to Three Points in Stocks—Bethlehem Steel Registered a 27 Point Loss—Belief Prevails That Final Settlement of War Still is Some Months Off.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Germany's offer today made peace markets, especially the wheat market, flurry almost frantic, especially after what purported to be the main points of the offer were learned.

Prices fell 11 1/4 cents a bushel.

Prices fell in some cases 11 1/4 cents a bushel and closed with at 165 1/2-3 1/4 for May and 142 3/4 to 143 for July, with the market as a whole 4 7/8 to 10 3/4 cents under yesterday's finish. Corn lost 2 1/2 to 3 3/4 cents and oats 3 1/4 to 3 1/4 cents. The provisions the outcome was a rise of 5 to 5 1/2 cents.

Market Had Been Weak.

Although the first flash of peace news reached Chicago at nearly the exact moment of the opening of the wheat market, it was not until a quarter of an hour later that traders in general were aware of the announcement which had been made at Berlin. Meanwhile the market had been declining and prices slumped downward for the most part to the stoppage of export sales and to the chance of a more drastic announcement from Washington and Berlin over attacks by submarines. As soon as despatches arrived, however, the market rallied to the German offer to negotiate for peace, owners of wheat began to throw holdings overboard seemingly without limit and prices plunged downward in good earnest. Fully an hour and a half went by before excitement subsided and prices began to move again. Near the end of the day attention was centered on Washington advices credited to the German embassy, which stated that the German offer to negotiate for peace was in the main the basis of the German offer.

Wheat Pit Demoralized.

Semi-demoralization gripped the wheat pit at the start, as opinion seemed to gain ground that the prospect of a rejection of the Berlin offer to negotiate for peace was more than a possibility. Until what looked like definite assertions of the leading terms proposed by Berlin, however, the market broke in wheat prices was 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 against 11 1/4 in dealings later on. Developments except in regard to corn showed stubborn resistance to selling pressure. Prices gave way only by slow degrees, but were far more than made up by the time the day closed. Some liquidation came to the volume of offerings could not be described as a probable outcome.

The action of acts paralleled that of corn. Buying at times was quick, but dip followed, and the market was numerous after what started on a second whirl down slide.

Peace reports lifted provisions. Lard especially was in demand on account of forecasts of a big business with Germany in case peace should be declared.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET DEMORALIZED

By Scope of Peace Proposals From Germany—Bankers Were Surprised.

New York, Dec. 12.—Unsettled bordering upon demoralization overtook the stock market today an announcement of peace overtures by Germany for publication, but the inference gathered from high sources was that the Berlin powers would not seriously entertain negotiations at this time.

Bankers Were Surprised.

Bankers whose connections with the central powers are admittedly close made no effort to conceal their surprise and the powerful interests representing the entente allies seemed prepared for the news. Neither of these groups would discuss the peace proposals for publication, but the inference gathered from high sources was that the Berlin powers would not seriously entertain negotiations at this time.

Not the Psychological Moment.

In so-called neutral quarters, the opinion was expressed that Germany's terms, as outlined by her diplomats, were far more comprehensive than had been expected. Nevertheless, it seemed to be the more serious opinion that the peace proposals were a mere tactical move to gain time for the German war effort. In this connection, notice was taken of the fact that export of wheat from Germany had been moved further away from those countries than before, with recurrent weakness in rates on wheat and new low quotation for Anglo-French bonds. Some correction of these adverse conditions was expected, but the market was still in a state of uncertainty.

Total sales of stocks were 2,500,000 shares, a record only once approached since the exchange resumed trading in December of 1914.

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ANOTHER WOMAN VICTIM OF THE DECEPTIVE WAX

Mrs. Helen Menke Says She Swindled Her Out of \$2,300 Cash, Besides Jewelry.

New York, Dec. 12.—Charles H. Wax, the self-confessed "Oliver Twist" who won the love of Miss Rae Tanager, now facing federal prosecution for his part in a probable double-cross against James W. Osborne, a prominent attorney, was identified in the federal